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Letter dated 1 October 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, I have the honour to transmit herewith the copy of a letter dated 27 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the text of the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kishore **Mahbubani**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

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Annex to the letter dated 1 October 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a self-explanatory letter dated 20 September 2001 addressed to you by Monie R. Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia (see enclosure).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Lami **Kawah**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter reference S/AC.39/2001/OC.62 dated 10 September 2001, in response to my letter dated 11 June 2001. I have noted carefully the contents of your response on behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001).

I was disappointed that your response did not address the essential concern of the Government of Liberia with respect to the criteria used by the Security Council in compiling its list of persons affected by said resolution. You will agree with me that the Security Council must at the minimum exercise transparency and equity in its decision-making, particularly as it has implications for the fundamental human rights of our citizens.

Further, I must observe that the response from the Committee does not give the Government or the people whose names are on the list, and who believe in justice, the minimal level of comfort or confidence, in the reversal of the normally accepted concept of innocence until proven guilty.

Nevertheless, I am pleased to note the reaffirmation of the Committee's willingness to continue its policy of constructive engagement with the Government of the Republic of Liberia. It is our hope and anticipation that our engagement can ensue in the spirit of transparency and equity.

May I once again request that your Committee apprise the Liberian Government of the criteria used in compiling the list of persons affected by paragraph 7 of resolution 1343 (2001).

(*Signed*) Monie R. **Captan**
Minister